



CHANGING THE WORLD WITH THE WORD

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DEAR GAME CHANGER,

I am often asked about what goes into the making of a *FireBible*. As you can imagine, there are many laborious aspects to each project, and I want to describe them to you. Here are some of the main steps for each language edition:



- First, we must obtain the rights to use a biblical text from a local Bible Society for the language edition in process.
- A normal Bible text has about 900,000 words in it, and then study notes, book introductions, 77 articles, maps, concordance and theme finders adds another 1,200,000 words to this study Bible!
- All 1.2 million words have to be translated, edited for grammar, readability (understanding), and content assurance.
- When all is finished and edited, each page must be individually formatted into a Bible structure and be made print ready using specific programs for printers.
- Printers must pre-order and ship specialized Bible paper, and at times this can be a real challenge to get to the countries where the *FireBibles* are being printed.
- Shipping to the end use site is arranged, customs and duties paid, and storage set up for distribution.
- A roll out ceremony is hosted on-site and we work hard to ensure maximum exposure across the Evangelical Christian spectrum.

As you can tell from this list, there are hurdles to overcome for each *FireBible* to be completed. There are personalities, cultural differences, and many other challenges that arise during these negotiations and processes. Each *FireBible* is really a miracle...a miracle that we can navigate these steps, that each language is completed, and we are able to put them into the hands of pastors and leaders around the world!

And you Game Changer, you play a vital role in each and every *FireBible*! Your faithful monthly support allows us to keep moving ahead on projects that are already in process and to go where God leads us with new *FireBibles* as well. Also, your prayer support is so crucial...crucial in helping us to walk in the mind of Christ and in with His wisdom, as we navigate each project. Thank you for changing the game...not only by providing the funds to produce *FireBibles*, but also by praying *through* each language edition to completion.

YOURS FOR THE WORD,

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